

GEORGIA KACANDES

Georgia Kacandes, Class of 1977, is an award-winning film production manager and executive producer.

She grew up on Hawthorne Street and at White Plains High School, Ms. Kacandes participated in the Assembly, Human Relations and Movie Committees and the Drama Club. She studied at Kings College in England and Boston University and graduated from the Tisch School of Fine Arts at New York University.

It was the typing skills she first learned on an IBM Selectric typewriter at George Washington School that enabled Ms. Kacandes to break into film production. A “natural and fast” typist, she often re-typed scripts overnight and plays for Pulitzer and Academy Award winning playwright Horton Foot.

Her first film job was as production coordinator in 1984 on a never released Jackie Mason movie. Two-years later she was working as an Assistant Production Coordinator in New York City on *Crocodile Dundee* and has played a key role all over the United States and the world organizing the operations and financing of more than 40 productions since.

Ms. Kacandes joined director John Sayles’ production team in 1988 for *Eight Men Out* and teamed with Sayles later on *City of Hope* and *Passion Fish*. She has worked with many other celebrated directors, including Steven Soderbergh (*King of the Hill*, *The Underneath*), Martin Scorsese (*Casino*, *The Wolf of Wall Street*) and Francis Ford Coppola (*The Rainmaker*, *Megalopolis*). Other notable executive producer credits include *Syriana*, *Hugo*, *Gattaca*, and *The Hateful Eight*. She has just wrapped up work on Matthew McConaughey’s new film *White Boy Rick* and started prepping Quentin Tarentino’s next untitled film.

Ms. Kacandes’ father, John, was a teacher, coach and administrator at Post Road School, the Highlands and the High School for 40 years; her mother, Laura, worked as a teacher’s aide in White Plains schools for over ten years; and Ms. Kacandes’ five siblings all went through the White Plains schools. Ms. Kacandes’ son, John, attends Pitzer College in California.